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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, SU, US

SUBJECT: ATTACHE INQUIRIES ABOUT PURCHASE OF MILITARY ITEMS

REF: (A) 77 STATE 252478 (B) 77 STATE 207984

1. SUDANESE MILITARY ATTACHE BRIGADIER GENERAL YOUSEF HASSAN EL HAG CALLED AT DEPARTMENT MARCH 6 TO DISCUSS WITH STATE AND DEFENSE OFFICIALS PROCEDURES FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF VARIOUS MILITARY EQUIPMENT MENTIONED IN FOUR SPECIFIC WRITTEN REQUESTS FROM HIS OFFICE DATED FEBRUARY 9. ITEMS LISTED IN THESE FOUR REQUESTS INCLUDED CONCERTINA WIRE, BODY ARMOR, COMPUTER HARDWARE FOR AN OPERATIONS CENTER AND A DIVERSE LIST OF MUNITIONS. MOST OF THE LATTER LIST WAS FOR AMMUNITION OF UK ORIGIN.

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2. THE BRIGADIER WAS GIVEN GENERAL PRESENTATION ON FMS AND COMMERCIAL PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES. HE WAS THEN PROVIDED NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MANUFACTURERS OF THE EQUIPMENT HE HAD REQUESTED, AND WAS ADVISED TO PURSUE COMMERCIAL SOURCES. HE WAS ALSO SUBSEQUENTLY REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S STRATEGIC/INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT SALES GROUP FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING U.S. FIRMS.

HE NOTED THAT THIS WAS HIS FIRST EFFORT AT MILITARY

PROCUREMENT SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON SOME TWO MONTHS
AGO. HE MENTIONED THAT THE LIST OF REQUESTED EQUIPMENT
WAS CIRCULARIZED TO SUDANESE ATTACHES IN WESTERN CAPITALS,
SO THAT WHAT COULD NOT BE OBTAINED IN THE U.S. COULD BE
PROCURED ELSEWHERE.

3. SINCE IT APPEARS GOS MAY UTILIZE ITS ATTACHES TO
ASSIST IN MILITARY PROCUREMENT, AND SINCE WE WISH TO
INSURE THAT INQUIRIES REGARDING SIGNIFICANT COMBAT
EQUIPMENT AS DEFINED IN THE ITAR REPRESENT OFFICIAL
REQUESTS OF SUDANESE GOVERNMENT, WE WILL REQUEST THAT ANY
FUTURE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON SIGNIFICANT COMBAT
EQUIPMENT BE PRESENTED VIA DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM WASHINGTON
EMBASSY TO DEPARTMENT. UPON RECEIPT OF SUCH NOTE, WE
WILL REQUEST EMBASSY VIEWS OF QUESTIONS INCLUDED IN PARA E,
REF B. WHEN REQUEST IS FOR ASSISTANCE IN MAKING CONTACT
WITH MANUFACTURERS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN
SIGNIFICANT COMBAT EQUIPMENT, WE WILL PROVIDE NORMAL
COURTESIES SIMILAR TO THOSE POSTS ABROAD MAY PROVIDE

REPRESENTATIVES OF US FIRMS SELLING ARMS (REF A, PARA
9F(1)). WHEN REQUEST IS FOR ITEMS AVAILABLE THROUGH
NORMAL COMMERCIAL CHANNELS, WE WILL ENCOURAGE ATTACHE
TO AVAIL HIMSELF OF REGULAR DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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ASSISTANCE. WE ASSUME THAT GOS WILL CONTINUE TO INITIATE
REQUESTS FOR PRICING INFORMATION OR LOAS FOR MAJOR ITEMS
THROUGH AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM. VANCE

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